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Senate Bill #297 - An Act Concerning Change In Use Permits for Certain Water Systems

The Department of Public Health (DPH) provides the following information in regards to Senate Bill #297. This bill will remove the mandate for a public water supply system to obtain a change in use permit from the Department of Public Health when performing routine maintenance, repairs, upgrades, or replacement of components.

The Department has been working with the water industry to streamline and improve the efficiency of the change in use permitting process. However, the DPH believes the proposed changes would better be implemented through regulation rather than a change in statute. The DPH would appreciate the opportunity to further review this process and move forward with changes through the regulatory process.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.